Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I rise to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation XI of 1096 be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The amendment now proposed is rather a pronounced omission in the existing Municipal Regulation causing the absence of a provision defining clearly the purposes for which the Municipal funds may be applied. The matter was brought to the notice of the Government by the Municipal Chairman of Ernakulam. By adding the clause as suggested the Government is enabled now to find powers to divert municipal funds for necessary purposes (*Hear, hear*) and hence the Bill.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is 'A Bill to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation XI of 1096'.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Under Standing Order 32 I request the President that the rule of 15 days may be suspended.

President.—It is suspended.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I move that the Bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I move that the Bill be taken up and passed to-morrow.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Motion put and carried.

Bill to amend the Cochin Cattle Trespass Regulation.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Cattle Trespass Regulation be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The reasons which have necessitated this are the existing Regulation was passed long ago and it provides only for trespass by cattle. Recently Government have received complaints from many agriculturists that in fact it is not cattle alone that cause damage to cultivation but ducks and drakes also cause enormous damage to paddy cultivation. In other words they also play ducks and drakes with cultivation. To give some relief in that direction, this amendment is necessary.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is 'a bill to amend the Cochin Cattle Trespass Regulation'.

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